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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following *new* paragraph on page 1, between lines 2 and 3:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This U.S. National stage application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(a) to Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-152678 filed in Japan on May 24, 2004 the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph [0002] at page 1, and line 9 with the following rewritten version:

[0002] Conventional rotary compressors of the above type include one in which refrigerant is compressed by volume change of a cylinder chamber in association with eccentric rotation of an annular piston within an annular cylinder chamber (for example, see Patent Document 1 see for example, Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 6-288358). In the compressor (100), a hermetic casing (110) accommodates a compression mechanism (120) and a motor (not shown) for driving the compression mechanism (120), as shown in FIG. 11 and FIG. 12 (a cross-sectional view taken along the line XII-XII in FIG. 11:not hatched).

Please replace the paragraph [0010] at page 3, and line 17 with the following rewritten version:

[0010] As illustrated in FIG. 13, an example obtained by partly modifying the structure of the rotary compressor illustrated in FIG. 12 is also disclosed in the Patent Document 1

Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 6-288358. In this compression mechanism (120), an annular piston (122) is cut to form a shape of C, and a single blade (123) passes through the cut part of the piston (122) and is thus in contact with the inner peripheral face of the outer cylinder (124) and the outer peripheral face of the inner cylinder (125). A part of the inner peripheral face of the outer cylinder (124) being in contact with the blade (123) is formed to have the same radius of curvature as the outer peripheral face of the inner cylinder (125). Furthermore, an unshown Oldham mechanism is provided to allow eccentric rotation

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(orbital motion) of the annular piston (122) around the inner cylinder (125) and prevent rotation of the annular piston (122) on the axis thereof. This example is similar to examples illustrated in FIGS. 11 and 12 in that the suction process, compression process and discharge process for refrigerant are performed according to the eccentric rotation of the annular piston (122).

Patent Document 1: Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 6-288358

Please replace the heading at page 4, line 4, with the following rewritten version:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

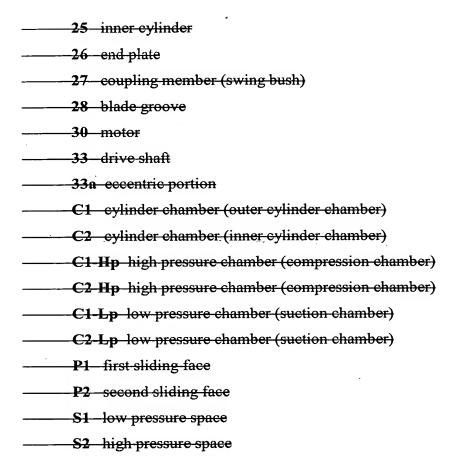
Please remove the heading at page 14, line 9, as follows:

Description of Numerals

Please remove the paragraph [0051] at page 14, line 10 as follows:

[0051] 1 compressor
10 casing
14 suction pipe
———15—discharge pipe
16 upper housing
———16a bearing portion
17 lower housing
———17a bearing portion
19 oil sump
20 compression mechanism
21 cylinder
22 annular piston (piston)
23blade
24 outer cylinder

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Please replace the heading at page 15, line 14, with the following rewritten version:

BEST MODES FOR CARRYING OUT DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE

INVENTION

Please replace the heading at page 41, line 1, with the following rewritten version:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: CLAIMS